§ 410.629c Expedited appeals process; parties.

The parties to the expedited appeals process shall be the person or persons who were parties to the reconsideration determination in question and, if appropriate, parties to the hearing.

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§ 410.629d Expedited appeals process; agreement requirements.

(a)(1) An authorized representative of the Commissioner shall, if he determines that all conditions for the use of the expedited appeals process are met (see §410.629), prepare an agreement for signature of the party (parties) and an authorized representative of the Commissioner.

(2)(i) Where a request for hearing has been filed, but prior to issuance of a decision a request for the expedited appeals process is filed, the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, or his designee, shall determine if the conditions required for entering an agreement are met.

(ii) Where a hearing decision was the last action, or where a request for review is pending before the Appeals Council, and a request for the expedited appeals process is filed, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Appeals Council, or the Chairman's designee, shall determine if the conditions required for an agreement are met.

(b) An agreement with respect to the expedited appeals process shall provide that:

(1) The facts involved in the claim are not in dispute; and

(2) Except as indicated in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, the Commissioner's interpretation of the law is not in dispute; and

(3) The sole issue(s) in dispute is the application of a statutory provision(s) which is described therein and which is alleged to be unconstitutional by the party requesting use of such process; and

(4) Except for the provision challenged, the right(s) of the party is established; and

(5) The determination or decision made by the Commissioner is final for purposes of section 205(g) of the Act.

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§ 410.629e Expedited appeals process; effect of agreement.

The agreement described in §410.629d, when signed, shall constitute a waiver by the parties and the Commissioner with respect to the need of the parties to pursue the remaining steps of the administrative appeals process, and the period for filing a civil action in a district court of the United States, as provided in section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, shall begin as of the date of receipt of notice by the party (parties) that the agreement has been signed by the authorized representative of the Commissioner. Any civil action under the expedited appeals process must be filed within 60 days after the date of receipt of notice (a signed copy of the agreement will be mailed to the party (parties) and will constitute notice) that the agreement has been signed by the Commissioner's authorized representative. For purposes of this section, the date of receipt of notice of signing shall be presumed to be 5 days after the date of the notice, unless there is a reasonable showing to the contrary.

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§ 410.629f Effect of a request that does not result in agreement.

If a request for the expedited appeals process does not meet all the conditions for the use of the process, the Commissioner shall so advise the party (parties) and shall treat the request as a request for reconsideration, a hearing, or Appeals Council review, whichever is appropriate.

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§410.630 Hearing; right to hearing.

An individual referred to in §410.632 or §410.633 who has filed a written request for a hearing under the provisions in §410.631 has a right to a hearing if: